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SUPPLY OF RAW FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN MOTHER DAIRY OUTLETS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the supply of raw fruits and vegetables, like watermelon, exploiting the customers in Mother Dairy's Fruits and Vegetable (F&V) outlets in New Delhi and NCR;

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure that no raw fruits and vegetables sold through said outlets;

(c) whether there is any proposal to compensate the customers who brought the raw watermelons and other fruits from these outlets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): There is no exploitation of customers on the pretext of supplying raw fruits and vegetables in Mother Dairy's fruits and vegetable outlets as ripening of fruits and vegetables is a natural process. In case of watermelon, testing of the ripeness of the fruit is being done by random sampling of the consignments received from the production areas and supplied to the Mother Dairy outlets.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal as no complaint has been received from any of the customers.